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SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN COMBATting INTER-
NATIONAL TERRORISM

1. FROM OUR CURRENT MORO-RELATED LIAISON WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE HEARD A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THEIR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A MODERN AND EFFECTIVE POLICE/INTELLIGENCE UNIT TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL. THIS IS OF COURSE PART OF THE RECENT REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. IT ALSO FITS IN WITH ITALY'S AND OTHER COUNTRIES' EFFORTS TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THIS PHENOMENON WHICH IS OF INCREASING CONCERN THROUGHOUT WESTERN EUROPE (E.G., LAST WEEKEND'S EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING, COPENHAGEN 6312; AND LAST WEEKEND'S UNPUBLICIZED MEETING OF INTERIOR MINISTERS IN SWITZERLAND).

2. IN THEIR EXERCISE, THE ITALIANS ARE STARTING VIRTUALLY FROM SCRATCH. THEY HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED A LOT OF COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, BUT THEY NEED TRAINING IN ITS USE AND ORGANIZATION. THEY ALSO NEED TRAINING IN TREND ANALYSIS, STRESS ANALYSIS, CREATION AND USE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS, THE APPLICATION OF BEHAVIORIAL SCIENCES TO CRIME, ETC. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A EXPLICIT REQUEST FROM THE GOI FOR HELP IN THIS AREA, WE ANTICIPATE ONE AND BELIEVE THAT GOI

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WOULD PREFER ASSISTANCE FROM US RATHER THAN FROM OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. PARTICULARLY SINCE THE GOI EFFORT IS TO BUILT A NEW SYSTEM FROM THE GROUND UP, IT APPEARS TO US TO PRESENT AN UNUSUALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH, THROUGH SOME ASSISTANCE, A SOLID BASIS FOR CONTINUING CLOSE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFYING FOR US WHICH DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE USG COULD PROVIDE SOME OR ALL OF THE NEEDED ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL ADVICE. IN PARTICULAR, WHAT CAPABILITY DOES LLEA HAVE AT THIS TIME? IF THE USG CANNOT PROVIDE ALL OF THE ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE NEEDED, CAN ANY PARTS OF IT BE ADEQUATELY PROVIDED BY PRIVATE US SOURCES?
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